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During this period several Soviet merchant ships arrived and were provided pilots at once.

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3. some pilings were the remains of a pier on the river's north bank (see attached sketch).

4. Farther up the river the ice was being dynamited

The harbor and the entrance to the harbor

were ice free.

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5. The controls were as usual, but

less

6. The depth along the pier was 18 to 20 feet.

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7. In the naval harbor there were three submarines tied up side by side. The one on the outside was a former German fleet type submarine. It had no visible artillery. The other submarines were much smaller. The conning towers were equipped with canvas spray guards.

8. Nine minesweepers were at anchor in the naval harbor.

of the T-371 type. These vessels, in addition to one deck gun, had two smaller antiaircraft guns.

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9. In the naval harbor there are a number of slips. On some of the slips the
MTB's of different types.

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10. [redacted] some
ships had been re-routed to Ventspils because of the ice in the Bays of
Finland and Riga.

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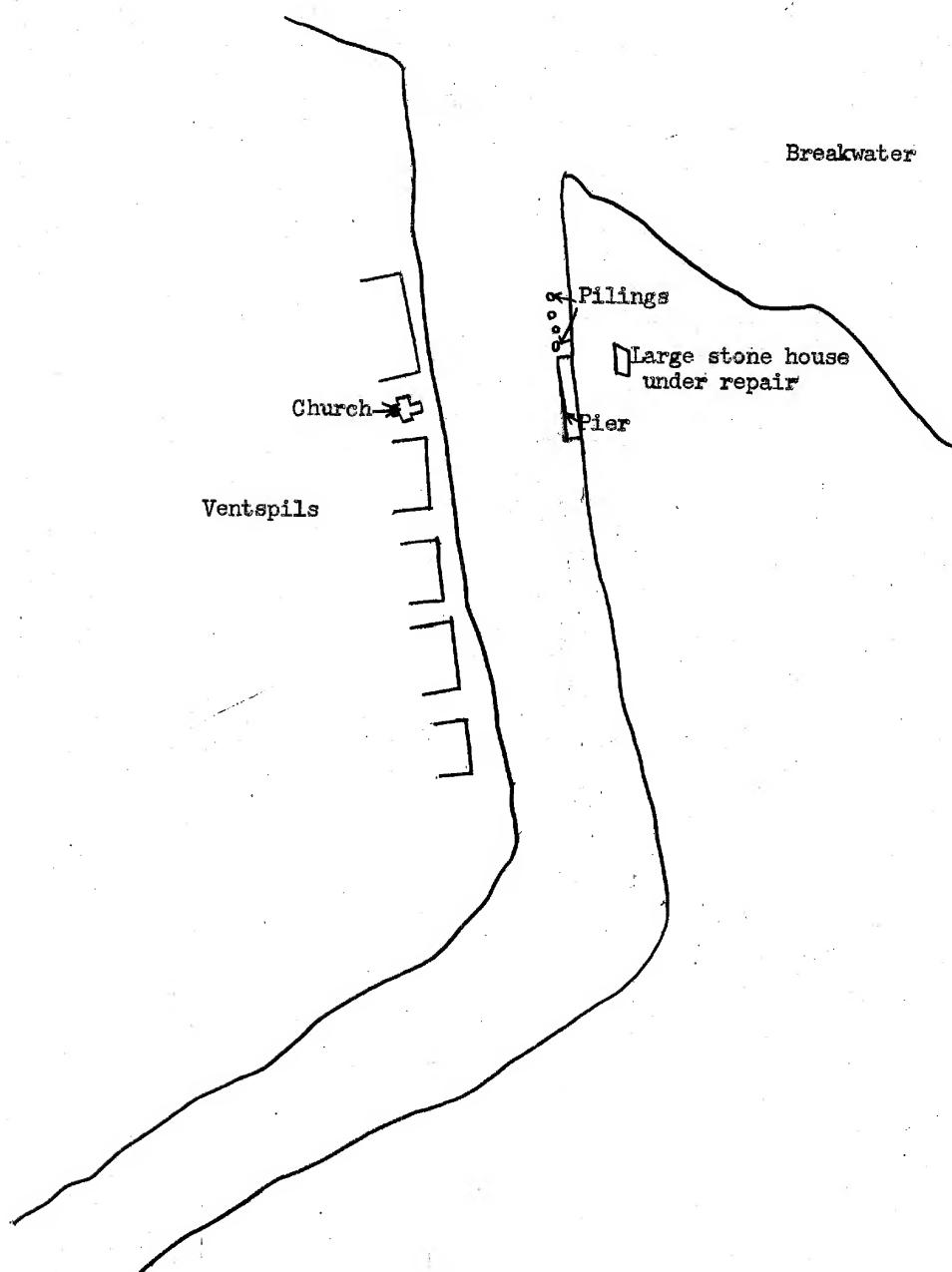
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Attachment

Sketch of Ventspils Harbor



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